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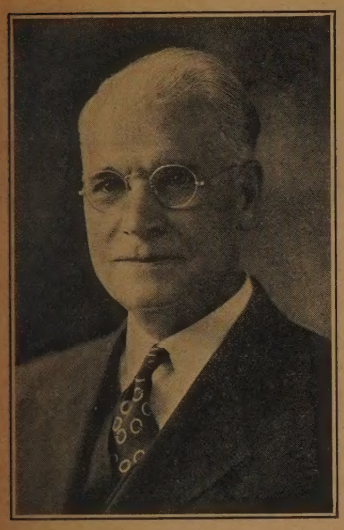
September 30 - October 8



Rev. Stephen A. Lloyd of Michigan. Subject: "The Layman in the Church, Where Can He Take Hold?"

Rev. Harley H. Gill of San Francisco. Subject: "What's Doing in the Christian World?"

Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of San Francisco. Subject: "Surveying Our Moral and Spiritual Resources."

Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge of New York. Subject: "A Two Million Dollar Concern, Its Size and Service," also "Adventure in Investment."

Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd of Lansing, Michigan, Superintendent of the Michigan Congregational Conference, was born amid the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania. His early associations were therefore among the children of miners and laborers in the anthracite region in the days before the miners' unions had materially bettered the conditions in the mining industry.

His elementary education was in the public schools near Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. At twelve years of age he left school to work in the coal breaker and later in the mines where he spent nearly eight years, meeting at first hand the problems of the laboring man under ground. Through the influence of friends he entered Wyoming Seminary to prepare for college work expecting to take a course in electrical engineering, electricity at this time just being introduced into the coal mines. He completed his college preparatory work with such credit as to secure a scholarship at Syracuse University, from which he graduated. While in the university he decided to go into the ministry, and was ordained in the Christian Church at Plainville, N. Y. He later served as pastor in the First Church Cortland and the First Church Poughkeepsie, N. Y. During the war he was in war-camp service at Camp Merritt and immediately following the war was called to the pastorate in suburban Chicago, at Wilmette, Illinois, where he had a notable pastorate for ten years, leaving that work to accept a call to Pontiac, Mich., which introduced him to the Michigan fellowship. Upon retirement of Dr. Sutherland he was called to the work of the Superintendency of the Conference, which position he has held since 1931.

The Michigan Congregational Conference, of which Dr. Lloyd is superintendent, has under its care two hundred and fifty Congregational churches in Michigan. Dr. Lloyd knows church problems first hand, and is therefore practical in his solutions of difficult situations.

SCHOOLS' SCHEDULE

The Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship, for all Congregational churches of Northern California, will be held at eight centers, beginning September 30.

The first meeting will be held at the First Church in Martinez with dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Meetings at all other centers will be from 3:30 to 9:00, with dinner at 6:30 p. m. If you cannot come at 3:30 then come at 6:30 p. m. for the dinner fellowship and evening addresses and discussions. The centers and dates are listed as follows:

September 30—Upper Bay Area, First Church, Martinez.
October 1—East Bay Area—First Church, Berkeley.
October 2—West Bay Area—First Church, San Francisco.
October 4—Redwood Empire Area—Santa Rosa.
October 5—Santa Clara Area—San Jose.
October 6—Sacramento Valley Area—Sacramento.
October 7—Central Area—Lodi.
October 8—San Joaquin Area—Tulare.

The special speakers are Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge, executive secretary of the Missions Council of New York; Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd, superintendent of the Congregational churches of Michigan; Dr. Harley H. Gill, superintendent, and Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, field secretary of the Northern California Congregational Conference. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program for the 81st annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, to be held in the First Congregational Church of Oakland, October 26-28, is nearly completed and can be considered exceptional.

Rev. Frederick L. Fagley, D. D., associate secretary of the General Council, with headquarters at New York, will give the opening address on Tuesday afternoon, October 26, on "The Church and Society."

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D. D., of Berkeley, recently returned from a year's stay in England, will speak on "A spiritual adventure through Britain" on Tuesday evening.

President Herman F. Swartz, just returned from attending the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences, will speak at the joint session, Wednesday afternoon, on the subject "United in the way of life."

Superintendent Harley H. Gill, also returning from the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences, will speak on Wednesday evening on the subject "One Body in Christ."

The Council for Social Action will have a panel discussion on Wednesday morning, and also a luncheon on Thursday noon with an address by Mr. Eric Thomsen.

The speakers at the banquet on Thursday evening will be Superintendent Edward D. Gaylord, of Southern California, on "The pilgrims for our fathers," and Rev. Roy Campbell, D. D. of San Diego on "The challenge of today to the Congregational churches, and how to meet it."

The Federation of Congregational Women will have a luncheon and program Wednesday noon, and the Religious Education Committee of the Conference will hold a model institute Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m.

Dr. Fagley will hold a discussion on adult education on Thursday morning.

Rev. P. Pierson Parker, of Berkeley, North, will conduct the services of worship at the several sessions, Rev. Sidney Buckham of San Mateo will preach the Conference sermon, on the subject "Crowding the contemporary,"

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The Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge of New York is the executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States. In the Missions Council, which was formed in 1936, are represented all the boards, Home and Foreign. Mr. Outerbridge became the first executive secretary of the Council after a varied experience in missionary work, which he entered as an agricultural scientist. In 1925 he went as an agriculturist to north China, where he did pioneer work in famine prevention. As a result of his research and experimentation, new grains adapted to the dry conditions in the great northwest arid regions of China were developed, grown, and introduced among the farmers. His work received recognition from the Chinese government.

Mr. Outerbridge was born in Bermuda and received his first agricultural training as a student in the Bermuda Agricultural Station. Later he served for a time as director of the colony's department of agriculture. Then he entered Wabash College, Indiana, to study for the ministry. After graduating he attended and graduated from the Theological college of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., and then studied at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where he secured his degree in 1925. Later that same year he was made acting associate secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. In 1934 he was elected to a permanent position as associate secretary and continued in this office until he took his present position in charge of the united activities of the Missions Council on behalf of Home as well as Foreign boards.

WITHOUT PASTORS

Only two of our fields are without pastors: Calaveras County and Woodside. Mr. T. G. W. MacCracken, after serving six months at Woodside, resigned, effective June 1. The church is expected to reopen October 1.

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SUPERINTENDENT RETURNS

We are glad to welcome Superintendent Harley H. Gill back home from his trip to Europe. It has seemed a long time since he left the office, and frequently the staff has wished for his advice and counsel regarding the solution of difficult problems. He will tell about the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences at the Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship at the eight centers, also at the State Conference, Wednesday evening, October 27, and requests are coming in for his appearance on a variety of programs. He has assured us that he will give the churches his main consideration as to speaking engagements.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill sent the following article from Oxford, England, for publication in The Pacific. He says that the best summary that can be given will be a series of excerpts from the so-called Shorter Message which was framed by a committee headed by the Archbishop of York after reading all the reports. This Shorter Message was adopted at the closing session by unanimous vote. The excerpts follow:

"We meet at a time when the world is oppressed with perplexity and fear. Even in countries which are at peace unemployment and malnutrition sap men's strength of body, mind, and spirit. In other countries war does its 'devil's work,' and threatens to overwhelm us all in its limitless catastrophe.

The first duty of the church and its greatest service to the world is that it be in very deed the Church—confessing the true faith, committed to the fulfillment of the will of Christ, its only Lord, and united in Him in a fellowship of love and service.

"We do not call the world to be like ourselves, for we are already too like the world. Only as they themselves repent can the churches call men to repentance.

"Despite our unfaithfulness God has done great things through His church. One of the greatest is this—that, notwithstanding the tragedy of our division and our inability to speak with a united voice, there exists an actual world-fellowship.

"The Christian sees distinction of race as part of God's purpose to enrich mankind with a diversity of gifts. He therefore rejoices in the reality of Race, but sets his face implacably against racial pride or race-antagonism, as rebellion against God. Similarly the Christian accepts national communities as part of God's purpose to enrich and diversify life. Every man is called of God to serve his fellows in the community to which he belongs. But national egotism, tending to the suppression of other nationalities, is, no less than individual egotism, a sin against the Creator of all peoples and races. In such a world the Church is called to be in its own life that fellowship which binds men together in their common dependence on God.

"The universal Church must pronounce a condemnation of war unqualified and unrestricted. If war breaks out, then pre-eminently the Church must manifestly be the Church, still united as the one Body of Christ, though the nations wherein it is planted fight each other, consciously offering the same prayers that God's name may be hallowed, His Kingdom come, and His will be done in both, or all, the warring nations. This fellowship of prayer must at all costs remain unbroken, even as Chinese and Japanese Christians have during these last sad months met together in united prayer. To condemn war is not enough. Christians must do all in their power to promote among the nations justice and peaceful cooperation, and the means of peaceful adjustment to altering conditions. Especially should Christians in more fortunate countries press the demand for justice on behalf of the less fortunate. The insistence upon justice must express itself in a demand for such mitigation of the sovereignty of national states as is involved in the abandonment of each of the claim to be judge in its own cause.

"God is Himself the source of justice, of which the State is not lord but servant. The Christian can acknowledge no ultimate authority but God; his loyalty to the state is part of his loyalty to God and must never usurp the place of that primary and only absolute loyalty.

"In the economic sphere the first duty of the church is to insist that economic activities, like every other department of human life, stand under the judgment of Christ. There have been indefensible inequalities of opportunity in regard to education, leisure, and health. The only forms of employment open to many, or the fact that none is open, deny to them the possibility of a Christian vocation. Where, as in certain godless movements of our time, the hope of progress is coupled with a repudiation of all religious faith, the Church must unequivocally condemn. But it is under an imperative obligation to understand the causes which have produced such theories and to meet their challenge.

"Christians have a double duty—both to bear witness to their faith within the existing economic order and also to test all economic institutions in the light of their understanding of God's will. The Church must condemn inequality of educational opportunity as a main obstacle to fullness of fellowship in the life of the community. In education, as elsewhere, if God is not recognized, He is ignored. The Church must claim the liberty to give a Christian education to its own children.

"We have tried during these days at Oxford to look without illusion at the chaos and disintegration of the world, the injustices of the social order, and the menace and horror of war. We are troubled yet we do not despair. Our hope is anchored in the living God. In His name we set our hands as the servants of God and of one another to the task of proclaiming God's message of redemption and to combatting injustice, cruelty, and hate. The Church can be of good cheer because Christ has overcome the world."

RESIGNATION

We are sorry to learn of the resignation of Rev. Hugo M. Baumann, pastor of the German Congregational churches at Lodi and Elk Grove.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

Asilomar

The 198 full-time delegates and 24 leaders gathered at Asilomar, July 24-31 came away voting it as valuable and smooth-running a Conference as Northern California young people had held in recent years. Close cooperation between Pilgrim Fellowship president Viola Mann and Director-Chaplain T. T. Giffen in the conduct of the week's activities resulted in a fine spirit throughout. Dr. R. W. Gammon of Chicago contributed much, as did Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, Prof. E. V. Tenney, and all the other leaders. Conspicuous new features of this year's gathering were the "Workships," project-centered periods in which the practical conduct of the Conference was combined with year-long values for local church groups. Seminars for older delegates occupied longer periods than the traditional class hours which remained the morning portion for most delegates.

Appreciation hours were a new feature. Clay modeling, nature study, books, and sketching served as media for the sharing of hobbies on the part of adult leaders. A high point, as usual, was the closing communion service, introduced by a candle-light processional of all delegates, and closing with the induction into office of Pilgrim Fellowship's new officers. Those elected to lead the youth program during the year ahead are Garver Jensen, Oakland First, president; Alice Eggleston, Sacramento, vice-president; and Juanita Murdock, San Jose, secretary. The field secretary, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, was again elected adult advisor.

Trinity - Modoc

Quality outdid quantity when seventeen young people from Modoc and Trinity counties gathered for a week's conference early this summer. Sleeping, eating, and meeting outdoors in true camp style allowed full appreciation of the beautiful wooded site on Hat Creek.

Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor at Adin, was director of the conference and Rev. James Salmon of Weaverville was the other local pastor on the faculty. An innovation this year was the use of four outside leaders on the faculty. These included Miss Florence Floyd, Congregational missionary recently returned from China and Greece; Miss Mary Coxhead, who worked with the Indians in Modoc County for four years; Miss Viola Mann, president of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, and Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor at Lodi.

Organization of a camp council and election of officers for the year gave an opportunity for youth participation in all phases of conference life. Wayne Nelson of Adin is president of the Northern Association for the coming year, and the first project of the group is a Thanksgiving Conference to be held in Weaverville.

Lokoya

The total registration was 121, of which 10 were junior high students, 74 high school, and seven college. Adults, including the faculty and women counsellors, numbered 30. Of the young people in attendance 38 were boys and 53 girls. A fee of $5.50 was paid for the week, and after all bills were paid, the conference had a balance of $120.81.

The faculty was made up of the local ministers from the two associations. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburg was the director and business manager, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell of Petaluma was the dean and program director. Dr. Robert Gammon of Chicago was the special speaker. The spiritual emphasis by the faculty, the chaplain, and Dr. Gammon, laid foundations that will not be easily shaken. One mother said, "If I had paid fifty dollars to send my daughter to Lokoya I would not consider it too much." This testimony could be duplicated many times by parents whose young people were at Lokoya. The spirit of God walked among the redwood trees and into the hearts of the young and old who were there.

Stanley Benedict was elected president of the Conference for 1937-38.

Still Gaining

August 31, 1937 shows an increase of $1,784.98 over August 31, 1936, and August 1936 showed an increase of $1,515 over 1935. If this proportional increase keeps up for the remainder of the fiscal year it will be most heartening. However, it may be that some churches this year have sent in an unusually large amount of their benevolence money during the summer months. Let us rejoice in the increase, anyway, and do our best to keep up this worthwhile and happy return to better days.

Church	June 1 to Aug. 31, 1937	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1937	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, 1936
Adin	$ 18.70	$ 28.20	$ 37.04
Alameda	191.93	315.61	193.12
Alturas	22.71	22.71	23.78
Angels Camp		125.00	50.00
Antioch	27.34	44.00	21.80
Auburn		60.00	25.00
Benicia		20.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	1,666.14	4,866.30	4,158.93
Kensington		10.00	
North	75.00	257.45	375.00
Park	16.30	35.30	36.06
Campbell	60.00	115.00	104.00
Ceres			113.41
Cloverdale	14.65	31.00	45.10
Cotati	37.69	40.19	30.18
Crockett		10.00	40.40
Etna			12.00
Eureka	75.16	207.94	179.86
Fairfax		11.00	
Ferndale	53.45	126.30	191.09
Fresno, First	118.16	440.42	319.28
Free Cross		10.00	
Pilgrim		45.00	50.00
Glen Ellen			2.27
Guerneville	4.50	4.50	
Hayfork			5.00
Hayward		50.00	85.00
Kenwood	14.54	28.24	23.56
Lewiston		2.75	
Likely			5.00
Lockeford			2.50
Lodi, First	220.00	580.00	310.00
Loomis		18.00	11.90
Martinez	91.41	207.50	141.33
Mill Valley	5.00	5.00	
Murphys		50.00	40.00
Niles		5.00	10.00
Oakland, First	1,249.98	3,618.28	3,158.70
Fruitvale		12.00	5.00
Japanese			5.00
Pilgrim	4.50	23.41	
Plymouth	182.14	445.08	425.00
Oroville	20.00	100.00	80.00
Pacific Grove	83.55	223.35	254.93
Palo Alto	350.00	950.00	550.00
Paradise	45.46	92.79	92.00
Penn Grove			3.00
Petaluma	129.80	364.79	423.81
Pittsburg	24.50	69.91	64.03
Port Chicago	2.00	2.00	2.65
Porterville	37.50	75.00	75.00
Redwood City	200.00	360.00	235.00
Reedley, Finnish			25.00
Ripon	18.75	65.34	31.09
Sacramento	79.43	260.68	287.26
San Carlos		18.23	10.00
San Francisco,			
Bethany Msn. Park	2.50	134.92	210.94
First	300.61	839.16	903.76
Ocean View	20.00	35.00	20.01
Richmond		16.00	22.11
San Jose	95.00	365.00	300.00
San Leandro	22.35	51.58	41.69
San Mateo		60.00	
San Rafael		24.00	20.00
Santa Cruz	175.00	325.00	310.00
Santa Rosa	40.99	105.49	121.66
Saratoga	57.06	207.51	231.73
Sebastopol	40.33	133.08	139.91
Sonoma	14.04	33.34	48.84
Soquel	9.50	29.50	29.00
Stockton	158.70	290.20	308.15
Suisun		35.45	45.00
Sunnyvale			14.92
Tulare	45.00	165.00	95.00
Weaverville	2.50	63.66	70.99
Woodside			8.86
Reno, Nevada	146.83	292.03	230.13
Miscellaneous	22.95	389.73	701.25
	$ 6,293.65	$18,048.92	$16,264.03

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

TRINITY COUNTY. Six boys and girls attended the Asilomar Conference, the pastor, Rev. James D. Salmon, acting as tenthouse counsellor.

The Hayfork church is being rebuilt and the plans are to have it ready for services before the fall rains.

To finance repair work on Trinity Church, Weaverville, the members have published a cook book, containing a hundred pages and 400 true and tried recipes by Trinity cooks. A feature of the book is two pages of "favorites recipes of Warner Bros. stars." This was done to honor their new million dollar picture, "Gold is where you find it," the mining scene of which was filmed in Trinity in August. These books sell for $1.00 each. Order now!

PENNGROVE and COTATI. The Ladies' Aid of Penngrove have started an improvement fund to rehabilitate the church building. The official board of the church recently voted unanimously to sponsor a Penngrove Boy Scout troop. Cotati started the fall work by having a flower festival and a food fair. Two national exhibitors, who raise prize gladioli and cacti, cooperated. Visitors from Petaluma, Sebastopol, and Santa Rosa attended. The church was kept open every Sunday during the summer and received four new members into fellowship.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor. The Emancipation Campaign is nearly completed, only $900 more remaining to be secured. The campaign is not yet over and it has not yet fully succeeded, but the goal is in sight and it will be reached. The women of the church are serving a first class lunch at the Sacramento fairgrounds and their lunch counter goes under the name of "The Covered Wagon." It is being exceptionally well patronized.

BERKELEY, NORTH. We have taken in fifteen new members. In church attendance there has been a marked increase during the past year. In the young people's work, North Church for the first time in several years sent a fine delegation to Asilomar. At the present time a new young people's organization for persons of college age is being formed.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. and Mrs. John H. Hunter spent their vacation at Mt. Hermon and at Idyllwild. The young people's organizations were well represented at both the State Christian Endeavor Convention at Los Angeles and at Mt. Hermon Conference.

RENO, NEVADA. Rev. William M. Case, pastor. A united vacation church school was held for a four-week period. Emphasis was placed upon the great stories of the Bible and the hymns of the church. A closing program and exhibit was held.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor cooperated in the successful Modoc - Trinity Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Monosmith were also guardians in the Girl Scout camp, a troop of which Mrs. Monosmith is captain.

FOWLER. Rev. A. A. Goergizian, pastor. The congregation bought the frame building of the Fowler public school and transported it onto the church ground. It is being remodeled to make a kitchen, a church office, and Sunday school rooms.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. With all departments cooperating enthusiastically, the Men's Club to complete payment on heating installation, Ladies' Guild and young people's organizations to paint the church, and the church itself to make repairs on the building, the fall program seems to have been well launched. After a three months' absence devoted to a summer parish in Idaho, the pastor, Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick, has returned to take up his work. The pulpit has been supplied during the summer by Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. M. J. Minkler, Rev. G. A. Charnock, Rev. Chas. E. Lord, and Rev. E. W. Houlding.

ALAMEDA. A new study class will be inaugurated, "Enlarging our horizon," led by Mrs. T. E. Borden, beginning Friday, September 3.

The entire membership of the church has been allocated to various committees. As an illustration, the World Service Committee has thirty members and is mapping out a very definite program for the year. It is proposed to have an interdenominational mission study course of from 3 to 4 weeks, using the books published by the Missionary Education Movement. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. After three years in this field, Rev. Glenn H. Corbin has resigned to become assistant to Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr. of First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, giving his time especially to young people's work. We are sorry to lose Mr. Corbin, who has served successfully at Angels Camp and Murphy and has done considerable work at Sheep Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin were presented with a purse, indicative of appreciation of their service.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON FELLOWSHIP HOUSE. Roland C. M. Fiske, director. Mr. and Mrs. Fiske spent a month in Southern California, and visited the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles. Mr. Fiske preached in the Claremont Community Church and spoke before the adult class. Arlington House is planning an Every Member Canvass under the direction of the Field Secretary.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Mr. Jung Lew, pastor, is going to spend some time in Los Angeles and has arranged for Mr. Dan Yee to take his place temporarily. Mr. Yee is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. He partly completed his theological work in Union Theological College of Canton, China, and is now attending Pacific School of Religion. He is familiar with the work of the Berkeley Chinese church.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Charles L. Mears, the pastor, preached twice during the summer in the Alameda church, of which he was formerly the minister, and attended the Young People's Conference at Lokoya. Sunday school work has kept up well. The Dorcas Society surprised Mr. and Mrs. Mears on their fortieth wedding anniversary and gave a pageant depicting their life. A set of dishes was presented.

PORTERVILLE. The fall program opened September 5 in the restored church edifice. Formal opening of the church building will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 3, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The return of Dr. McCall is proving the value of the year he and his family have enjoyed in England. The church services have been largely attended, many of those present being students. A reception to the McCalls honoring also Dr. and Mrs. Carl Patton and Rev. and Mrs. Laurance Cross, is scheduled for September 15. The following Sunday the pastor begins a series of talks to youth on the theme, "Toward Self-Understanding and Mental Health." At the September communion service thirty-three persons came into the membership of First Church, six of these on confession of their faith.

STOCKTON. The pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and family spent the month of August at Zephyr Point, Nevada. During his absence the members of the congregation conducted the Sunday morning services. The five sermons were on the general subject of "Religion and Life;" "Religion and Social Problems by O. C. Parkinson; "Religion and Science" by Dr. E. E. Stanford; "Religion and Peace" by J. LeRoy Johnson; and "Religion and Music, Down Through the Ages" by Mrs. Ellis Harbert.

PORT CHICAGO and AMBROSE. Rev. Ed Cunningham resigned from the Ambrose church, June 1, and Rev. B. Dent Naylor resigned as pastor of the Port Chicago church, July 1. These two churches are now linked together under the leadership of Mr. John Luther, a third-year student at the Pacific School of Religion. Both of these churches have a hopeful outlook. The budget for the Port Chicago church is fully subscribed and an Every Member Canvass will be put on at Ambrose in the very near future under the direction of the Field Secretary.

OROVILLE. The pastor, Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer, and family took their vacation between Sundays in a number of short trips in their trailer coach. The trustees are planning an Every Member Canvass under the direction of the Field Secretary, Edwin T. Sherman.

GUERNEVILLE. During the last two years the attendance at the church has average 50, being the largest for some years. The campers seem to have taken an interest. One offered to paint the steps and entrance to the church, a two-day job. Mr. Fred Trevitt is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, was chaplain at the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, conducting two services daily. He will speak at the annual convention of the Santa Cruz-Monterey Christian Endeavor Union, September 18.

SANTA CRUZ. Sunday congregations, both morning and evening, have kept up well during the summer, running well over the 200 mark, with an average attendance of 250. The church grounds have been much improved. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

Rev. Henry P. Reiter of Fresno, formerly pastor of the German church of Sanger, has been seriously ill for some time. He has been engaged in business but has had to give it up, and it is now being valiantly carried on by Mrs. Reiter. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Reiter and would give courage to Mrs. Reiter in her endeavor to carry on.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Twenty-three years pastor of one church is the record of Rev. M. G. Papazian of Fresno. Statistics covering the period from 1914 to 1937 are: funerals, 289; marriages, 224; children baptized, 405; communicant members added, 416; removed, 313; present membership, 290.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

To appeal to as many of the University's 640-odd Congregational students as possible is the object of a vigorous program at Plymouth House this fall. Student forums on Sunday evening have been addressed by Dr. McCall and others returning from foreign travels, while week-day groups are already busily engaged in study and discussion. Rev. Godfrey Matthews has begun a series of Thursday noon readings from "Books, Not-to-be-Forgotten Books," while Mrs. W. E. A. Loughery of the University Extension staff leads discussion each Tuesday noon upon the Christian interpretation of current affairs. Another group is engaged in detailed study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Continuing a delightful custom, new students are being entertained at informal suppers in the homes of Berkeley students. Fellowship of the highest order is sought in Friday evening Open House programs, as in the refreshment period preceding each Sunday evening meeting.

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and Rev. W. B. Thorp of Palo Alto will have charge of the memorial and communion service on Thursday noon.

Dr. Roy Campbell will lead a discussion on "The church of today for tomorrow," and Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, of Oakland, First, a discussion on "Meeting the people's problems, in person and in pulpit."

Rev. Charles E. Ward, of Redwood City, will preside at a discussion group on "Is there a place for prayer today," and the discussion will be led by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, of San Francisco.

Rev. Norman B. Henderson, of Fresno, will preside at a discussion on "Religion and racial antipathies."

Programs will be printed and distributed to the various churches in ample time for promoting the attendance, which should be unusually large because of the central location of the Conference and the high quality of the program.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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Our Federation meeting on August 31 took the form of a "family" discussion of our common problems, with a view toward giving added efficiency to our officers and association presidents, preparing for fall rallies and strengthening our work throughout. The various secretaries reported. Mrs. L. M. Drury presented for discussion the subject, "How can the relationship between the Federation and the women of the local church be strengthened?" and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach, the subject, "How can we interest the younger women in the general program of the church?" At the Retreat for Association Presidents on September 1 at the Russian River, with Mrs. G. E. Atkinson as hostess, concrete plans were made for the rallies, etc.

MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

Our hearts are with our missionaries in China. A recent letter from Dr. Leonard Wilbur's mother, who is summering in Vade, Calif., says: "As Leonard had told us never to worry when letters were late, we had not; but now we wonder when we shall hear again and whether China, especially North China, is to be saved for the Chinese. I had a birthday letter, written July 11. All was well then, but soon after, Shansi was threatened, and we feel pretty sad about the whole affair. And yet, we are thankful for the Christlike life of Chiang-Kai-Shek, and feel that the machinations of evil men can and will be overruled." Dr. Leonard, in his last news letter, June 27, writes: "We are happy over the church union, and will be even happier if it becomes a closer one."

United Press news from Tsinanfu, China, August 18, says: "Fifty Americans, most of them missionaries, have declined to leave their posts and seek safety on the coast. Those most dangerously situated are three American women at the American Mission Hospital at Tehchow, 60 miles north of here in an area that may be a big battle zone. They want to remain to care for wounded." (From **Berkeley Gazette**).

There seems little doubt that our American Board Hospital under Dr. Alma Cooke is meant and that she is one of the three women mentioned, probably also Miss Helen Dizney (nurse) formerly in Taiku.

Mrs. Philip Dutton and son Frank, of Taiku, China, sailed on July 10 from San Francisco. Report says Mr. Dutton met them in Japan and all were detained there. Miss Alice Reed and Miss Carolyn Sewall, both of North China, sailed from San Francisco on August 7. Miss Reed took a package of our used Christmas cards. The Harold Hacketts of Kobe, Japan, sailed August 21. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, representing our Federation, went to the steamers to see them off.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

"Program Suggestions" for monthly meetings through the year have been prepared by the Program Committee and mailed to commissioners. A "Reading List of the Federation," prepared by Mrs. Oscar McCoy, Miss Helen Perkins, and Mrs. A. V. Dunn, is also ready and deserves careful attention. Suggested books are in six groups: I. Devotion and Inspiration; II. The Land and the Book; III. Education and the Home; IV. Christian Citizenship; V. Ourselves and Others; VI. General. Join the Federation readers! Win recognition!

M. E. M. CONFERENCE

Mrs. T. E. Borden reports a too small an attendance at the M. E. M. Conference (Asilomar, July 18-23) but a most worthwhile program, which included inspiring chapel services; an inspiring course on The Moslem World (our study topic) under Dr. Cass A. Reed, a veteran of American Board service in Turkey; a very stimulating course under Dr. A. D. Stauffacher of the Congregational Church at Claremont, on Great Religious Movements of the World: (1) toward a universal church, (2) toward a peaceful world, (3) toward a new emphasis in evangelism; a very helpful course in Dramatics by Miss Winona Hainer of Southern California, under whose direction a group put on several skits, and, as an evening program, a two-act play; helpful and interesting courses on Rebuilding Rural America by Mrs. R. W. Blosser of San Francisco; and Missions in the Religious Education Program by Dr. J. W. Bailey of Berkeley. Warm appreciation went to Mrs. Floyd Cowan (Congregational) of Palo Alto, who led the music of the Conference. Dr. W. R. H. Hodgkin was elected president for the coming year, and all who were there pledged themselves to work for a larger attendance next year. Of the 107 in attendance, 33 were Congregationalists, 23 of them from northern California.

TRINITY COUNTY

Rev. James D. Salmon, in his auto with a small trailer attached, took eight young people to the Asilomar Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in July. On his way home he stopped briefly in Berkeley and filled up all available space with clothing and magazines for his work in Trinity County. Writing from Weaverville, August 23, he says: "My time has been taken up with the rebuilding of the Hayfork church. Next week we again get a carpenter who knows how to construct a building. We lost Mr. MacFadden from our community. He was laying out the work. Now that we have another construction foreman, the work ought to go pretty fast. We have all the lumber and sometimes enough help, but when we only put in two or three days a week the work goes slow. But the church is taking form. This Friday our church is putting on an amateur program to raise money." Mr. Salmon and the Hayfork church greatly appreciated our gift of $16, which we collected during the Federation lunch hour in May.

MISSIONARY FROM TURKEY

Miss C. Grace Towner, a missionary from Tarsus, Turkey, has recently landed in the United States and will be available as a speaker in the Congregational churches of Northern California during the period from October 15 to November 1. Inasmuch as the foreign mission study book for this year, as announced by the Missionary Education Movement, deals with the Moslem World, it was thought that Miss Towner could give first-hand information and inspiration to the churches that would be interested.

Churches that would care to have Miss Towner speak at their weekday or Sunday services should write in to the office at once, as her itinerary will be made up shortly. Requests of churches distant from San Francisco will be given due consideration in assigning her to the various churches.

REV. ALBERT FRANCIS PIERCE

Word has come to us of the death of Dr. Jason Noble Pierce's father, Rev. Albert Francis Pierce, Ph.D., D.D., Saturday evening, August 21. Dr. Pierce would have been 86 on the 26th of August. He was active in his work, having preached in Boston, August 15. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dr. Pierce and his family.

REV. HENRY ORVILLE JONES

Rev. Henry Orville Jones, a retired minister who has been for the last ten years a member of the Santa Clara Association, died July 26. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Willard B. Thorp.

Mr. Jones was born at LeGrand, Iowa, in 1874. He came of a family of Quakers and took his B. A. and M. A. degrees at Penn College. In 1919 he moved to the state of Washington and entered the Congregational ministry. In 1927 he retired and came to Palo Alto.

MRS. B. DENT NAYLOR

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Rev. B. Dent Naylor, who lost his wife after a second major operation. She was loved by all the people where she and Mr. Naylor served together. Even after her first operation she helped with special programs in the Port Chicago church, and was with Mr. Naylor constantly as he made his calls in the parish. Mr. Naylor now resides with his niece, Mrs. C. E. Freine, 510 Bissall Avenue, Richmond (telephone number 353-J).

MADELYNE READ

It was a decided shock to those of us who knew Madelyne, the seemingly sturdy little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alden A. Read of San Carlos, to learn of her answering to the words of Jesus, "Let the little ones come unto me." Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to the parents.

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Twenty-two ministers have signed up for the Conference Book Club.

We feel that an unusually fine selection of titles has been made for this year's club. That you may know the books in advance, they are listed below:

"Beyond Humanism" (Hartshorn), "Theology and Christian Missions" (White), "Christianity and the Individual" (Luccock), "Thoughts on Life and Death" (Hocking), "Middletown" (the Lynds), "Art of Ministering to the Sick" (Cabot), "The Fate of the Family" (Holt), "Worship" (Underhill), "Some Problems of Life" (Jones), "On the Rim of the Abyss" (Shotwell), "Great Poets and the Meaning of Life" (Dinsmore).

WORLD SERVICE WEEK

November 21-28

At a meeting of the Benevolence Promotion Committee of the Northern California Congregational Conference, a plan, approved by Superintendent Gill, was presented by Field Secretary Sherman for consideration:

That the Congregational churches of Northern California adopt for this year the week of November 21 to 28 as "World Service Week" and that the following suggestions for the same be sent to all the pastors for consideration and co-operation:

1. The plan is educational and inspirational.
2. A universal pulpit exchange at the morning service either November 21 or 28.
3. All exchange sermon subjects to be on Missions or World Service.
4. The local young people's societies to give a play or pageant during the World Service Week, and to have specially selected leaders for missionary meetings and discussions.
5. The Sunday school to have missionary programs for the day.
6. The women's association, ladies' aid, or women's missionary society to have special speakers for their weekday meetings.
7. The distribution of missionary literature at all meetings.
8. A list of available special speakers for Sunday school, young people's societies, and women's organizations to be provided.
9. That each local World Service committee and the pastor have full charge of promoting the various programs in the local church.
10. That the Federation of Congregational Women be asked to assist in carrying out the plan wherever possible.

The above plan "in general" was unanimously approved by the Conference Benevolence Promotion Committee and Mr. Sherman was requested to present the same to the local churches through the pastors where it could be adapted to suit local conditions.

MORE CHINA NEWS

We have been assured by Judge Curtis D. Wilbur that his son, Dr. Leonard Wilbur, and family are safe in China, that though they have some repercussions of the war they are entirely out of the war zone and are going about their work in the usual way. This information was received by airmail on September 3.

The American Board writes, under date of August 30, that the State Department had informed them that Alma L. Cooke, Helen Dizney, and Lucia Lyons left Tehsien the morning of August 22 and are now in Tsinan preparing to leave for Tsingtao. There is no definite word as to the status of the hospital.

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